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Applicant(s): P. Bonutti

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Group Art Unit: 3737

For: MAGNETIC RESONANCE IMAGING  
SYSTEM AND METHOD (as amended)

Examiner: R. Smith

**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

Mail Stop AMENDMENT  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed July 6, 2004, Applicant hereby submits the following amendments and remarks for the above-identified application. In accordance with USPTO practice, each section of this Response begins on a separate sheet. Reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims in view of the following are respectfully requested.